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	84	5,415,661	5/16/1995	Holmes	606	69	
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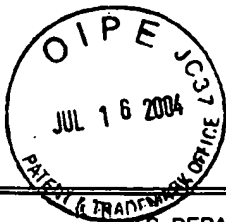
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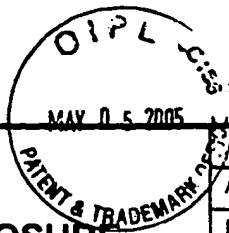
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